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SUBJECT: QUADRIpartite CONFERENCE

1 DURING MY MEETING WITH FONMIN ALLON ON JANUARY 7, I ASKED HIM FOR GOI ASSESSMENT OF QUADRIpartite CONFERENCE, NOTING ATTENTION OF MOST ISRAELI COMMENTATORS HAD BEEN FOCUSED ON SUBJECT OF PRESSURE ON JORDAN TO ALLOW PLO TO OPERATE FROM JORDANIAN TERRITORY.

2. ALLON NOTED THAT, AS FAR AS JORDAN WAS CONCERNED , RESULTS OF CAIRO CONFERNECE WERE MUCH BETTER THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED AFTER RABAT. HE PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ROLE OF EGYPTIAN WHO, AS HOSTS, CLERVERLY MANUVARED TO KEEP EGYPAIN PLAN FOR SECONDPHASE WITH ISRAEL OFF THE AGENDA AND FOCUS ATTENTION INSTEAD ON DISCUSSION OF PLO-JORDANIAN RELATIONSHIP. H STATED THAT ACCORDING TO ISRAELI REPORTS EVEN SYRIA APPEARED " NOT TO GO BEYOND" GOJ-PLO ISSUE.

3. HE BELIEVES JORDAN CAME OUT WITH UPPER HAND, AT LEAST IN PART DUE TO EGYPTIAN EFFORTS AND THAT EGYPTIANS ARE NOTAT ALL HAPPY ABOUT PROMINENCE OF PLO AND WELCOMED HAVING

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A HAND IN CUTTING ARAFAT AND COMPANY DOWN TO SIZE.

4. I ASKED IF ALLON SHARED CONCERN OF SOME OBSERVES THAT HUSSEIN MIGHT EVENTUALLY CAV UNDER. ARAB PRESSURE AND ALLOW PLO BACK INTO JORDAN. ALLON SAID NO. FOR ONE THING, HE DOUBTS IF THERE IS ALL THAT MUCH ARAB PRESSURE. ALSO, HUSSEIN WOULD NOT AGREE IF ONLY TO PRESERVE HIS OWN HEAD. IN ADDITION, THE JORDANIANS AND ISRAELIS HAVE A COMMON INTEREST IN THE STATUS QUO OF THE PLO WHICH IS AT THE MOMENT EQUIVALENT TO "AGREEMENT ON MINIMUM GROUNDS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING". JORDAN ASSUMES ISRAEL WILL NOT NEGOTIATE WITH THE PLO; ISRAEL ASSUMES JORDAN WILL NOT ALLOW PLO TO OPERATE FROM JORDANIAN SOIL.

5. ALLON EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS TOTALLY RELAXED ABOUT CAIRO DECISION TO PROMOTE "DIALOGUE" BETWEEN PLO AND GOJ, WITH OBVIOUS ASSUMPTION THIS WILL RESULT IN NOTHING REALLY DAMAGING TO ISRAEL'S SECURITY.
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